2014 Young Citizen of the Year

City of Dublin

Dublin All-America City 2011
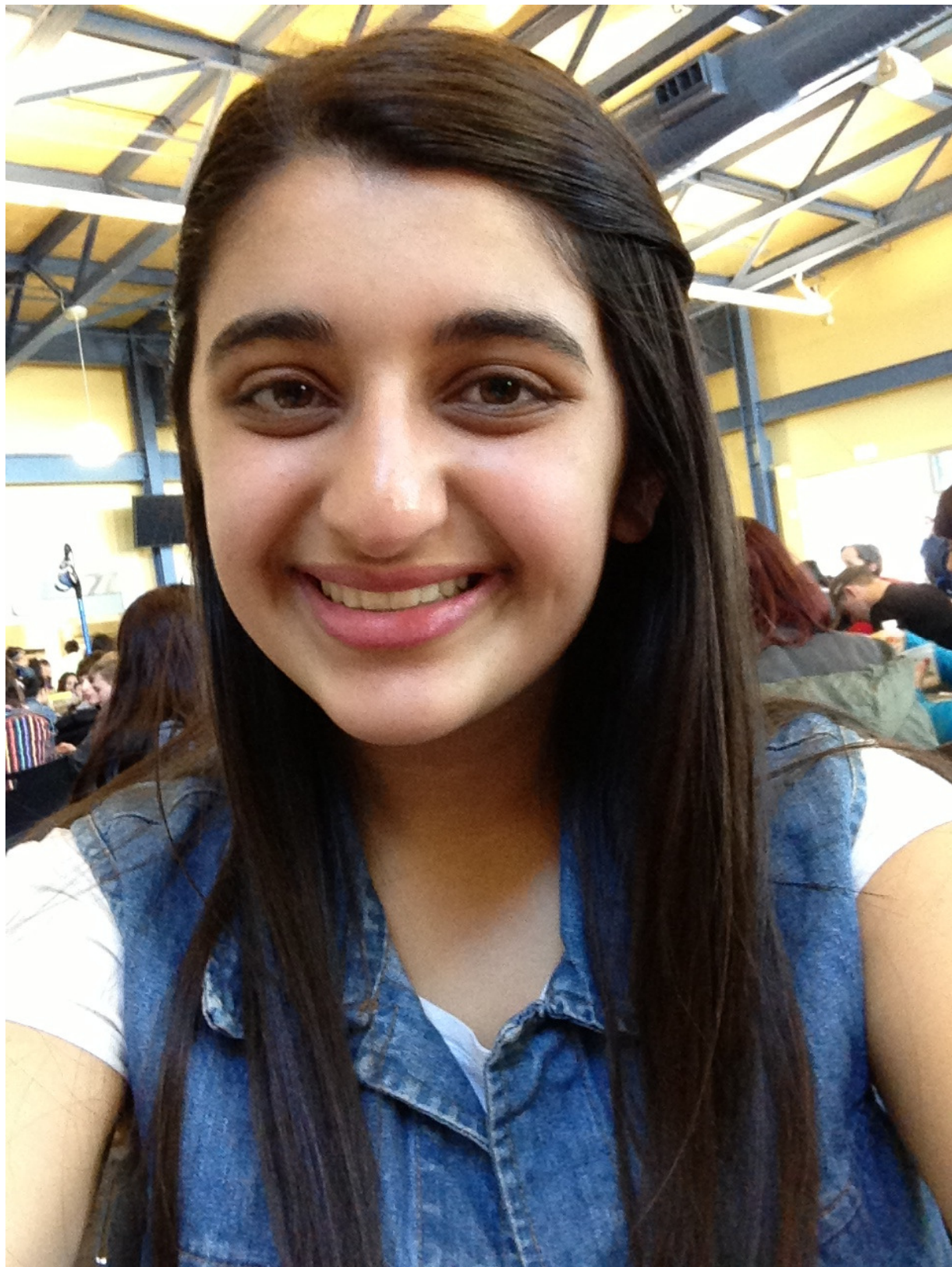
Nominee: Sophia Bafaiz

Nominator: Carol Shimizu

In the Nominator's words:

Sophia Bafaiz is a responsible, compassionate, and giving individual who always does her best. She has earned a 4.0 Grade Point Average in rigorous course work while, at the same time, being involved in numerous leadership and co-curricular activities. She aspires to attend a University of California school with a major in pre-med. Sophia is a first-generation college attendee, who has a positive attitude and conscientious work ethic. She is patient, thoughtful, and considerate.

Sophia has been a volunteer on the Youth Advisory Committee since June 2010, where has participates in numerous events and projects that serve the community of Dublin. She has volunteered at Valley Care Medical Center from the summer of 2012 to the present, where she assists nurses in the care of patients. In addition, Sophia has been a writer for OneDublin.org from August 2013 to the present. She has contributed on topics focused on Dublin High School, educational excellence, and activities within the Dublin community. Sophia has volunteered at the East Bay SPCA animal center since 2012, where she has been trained to care for rescue dogs and cats. Further, she was a volunteer for the "Obama for America" presidential campaign as a representative to the organization in charge of phone banking, preparing meetings, and making contacts with other representatives.

Sophia is the founder and president of our local UNICEF club, which was created to raise awareness and fundraise to help children in third world countries. She is also Treasurer for the California Scholastic Federation and a life-time member. In this position, she is in charge of all CSF finances brought in through fundraising and expended on special projects that support students. She is also an active member of the National Honor Society. Additionally, as a member of our school's Leadership program, she has planned Homecoming activities, rallies, and other school-wide events. Since February 2012, Sophia has tutored and mentored Dublin students by helping middle school students and ninth graders academically and emotionally in their transition to high school. Sophia is a positive role model who generously gives her time and shares her talent to make Dublin High School and the greater Dublin community a better place for all students.